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METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY
ACTIVE ALPHA-HYDROXY ACIDS USING
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.